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HOT SESSION

Story of the Charter Fight at Salem.

JIM LAWS ON CRIME

Mayor Passes a Sizzling Bunch to Chief of Police Hallock.

McLEOD'S HINT TO DEMOCRATS

Evening Gave Everybody a Chance to Even Up Scores and Nearly All Availled Themselves of It—Where Was Jack Burns?

Salem, Feb. 9.—By a vote of 39 to 18, after one of the hottest fights on the floor of the house since the session began, and for the first time refusing to abide by the recommendation and wishes of a local delegation, the house last night passed Senator Tuttle's amendment to the charter of Astoria. It is now up to the governor, and the general supposition is that he will place the stamp of his disapproval upon it.

It was a political fight from start to finish, and Bailey, who led the organization forces for the bill, made no attempt to conceal that fact. He declared that it was the duty of the republican members of the house to vote for the bill prepared by Senator Tuttle as against any recommendations of the Democratic members.

The fight started by a motion to consider the bill engrossed. While the vote was in progress Mayor attacked the present government of Astoria and expressed surprise that any republican should vote against bringing the bill up for action. The democratic plan was to block the way. Mayor said the city is without a police commission and that the chief of police is unfit to hold his place. Laws protested and Mayor sat down.

Jim Laws Angry. Laws demanded that the bill be read in full, but before its conclusion moved to adjourn that the members might read the bill. He went into a history of politics in Astoria, and among other things declared that under just such iniquitous legislation as the house was about to enact a republican police commission had in 1891 appointed a chief of police who ought to be in the penitentiary, and everybody knew it. He had reference to J. W. Barry, and gave it to be understood that Mr. Barry had stolen tax licenses and burned up the stubs.

Laws declared that the machine members of the house would vote against him, for they had orders to do so. They didn't like it, but they would have to do it just the same. Mr. Laws warned the republicans present that if the charter were passed it would result in sending a democratic senator to the state senate—it had always done so in the past, he said. He predicted that it would be a boomerang. McLeod suggested that if the charter would serve as an incubator to hatch out democrats, the gentleman from Clatsop should have no objections.

Josephine Smith. Smith of Josephine said the people had managed to get along under the present charter, and he thought they might be able to struggle on a little longer. He said the proposed charter was the result of a concerted movement on the part of the political machines of Portland and Astoria to legislate people out of office. He moved an amendment submitting the charter to a vote of the people of Astoria.

Bailey said that seemed all right on the surface, but that it was a "nigger-in-the-woodpile" proposition. It happened, he said, that there was a democratic machine in Astoria, which dominated the police and fire departments. Smith wanted to know if the machine sin was pardonable in Multnomah, why was it a crime in Astoria? Bailey made the startling announce-

ment that there is no machine in Multnomah—everything was regulated by civil service there, he said. He further said he took orders from nobody. Smith of Josephine created much amusement by asking what the legislature would do without the Democrats. He noticed, he said, that during his absence a few days ago several meritorious measures were killed while he was gone which might have fared otherwise had he been here. One was a resolution cutting out mileage on junketing trips. The house had passed it, and then killed it when it came back from the senate.

"What would you have done without Sheriff Word to clean out Portland?" said the speaker, while a round of applause broke forth.

All Know Curtis. Bailey in speaking for the bill read a letter written by Laws to C. J. Curtis, editor of the Astorian, a newspaper, in which he said the police department was rotten to the core and that he had said so to the chief of police.

Laws declared that he meant as much, and that he was in favor of abolishing the police commission. As for Curtis, he said, everybody knows who he is.

The charter as passed will cut short the tenure of office of the city council, the city attorney and the mayor by 18 months. This is what the democrats have all along contended against. They declared it was not right to legislate the present officers out. The objection all along advanced against the present police commission is that two of the three commissioners reside out of Astoria—one in Portland, Cook, and Barker in British Columbia. Inasmuch as Governor Chamberlain vetoed a similar charter two years ago, it is confidently expected this one will share the same fate. The plan of the republicans is to pass it over his head.

BATTLE IMPENDING

Armies Fear to Wait Until Thaw Begins.

JAPS NEGOTIATING LOANS

Ministers Now Arranging to Consult the Banking Nations Regarding a New Domestic Loan—Russia's Bombardment Continues.

Tokio, Feb. 9 (11:30 a. m.)—The impression prevails here that the impending battle between the armies of Field Marshal Oyama and General Kurapatkin will occur before any material thaw takes place, which would convert the country into a slushy bog, and render the movements of guns, ammunition and stores impossible, until the roads harden.

Give Soldiers Delicacies.

Tokio, Feb. 9 (11:30 a. m.)—The emperor and empress of Japan have given 100,000 yen (\$40,000) to the army and navy department to purchase wines and delicacies for the celebration of the national holiday which will take place on Saturday next, February 11.

Will Negotiate Loans.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—Vice President Takahashi of the bank of Japan, will leave for America and England via Vancouver on February 17 to hold preliminary conferences with financiers of those countries regarding terms of a fourth domestic loan. Minister of Finance Yoshiro is arranging to meet Japanese bankers and capitalists on February 13th to discuss the rate of interest and time for which this loan will run.

Bombarding Japs.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—A report from Manchurian headquarters says that the Russians have continued their bombardment in the direction of Shakh river since the night of February 7. They continue intrenching in front of Luchenpao and in the vicinity of Helkoutal.

Korea Delayed.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Owing to the necessity for some repairs to her hull, the liner Korea will be delayed on drydock and her sailing day has been postponed until next Wednesday, February 15.

BILL PASSES

House Approves Rate Reduction Measure.

MINORITY IS PLEASED

Omnibus Fishing Bill is Postponed By Committee in the House.

MERCHANT MARINE BILL HELD

Action on Two Important Measures Will Have to Wait Until Congress Meets Again—Hatchery Bill Carried \$500,000.

Washington, Feb. 9.—After nearly four days of discussion the house today, by a vote of 326 to 17, passed the Esch-Townsend bill providing for the regulation of freight rates. The negative vote was made up of 11 republicans and 6 democrats. The closing hours of the debate were occupied by Williams, the minority leader, and Hepburn, chairman of the committee which had the bill.

Williams, while supporting the minority measure, complimented the republicans on bringing in a bill much better than he expected to come from them. Hepburn's speech was rather in defense of himself. He said his deeds and acts are a sufficient answer to the "lies and slanders" heaped upon him. The Hepburn bill, he said, was prepared by the attorney general and he only yielded to his colleagues on the Esch-Townsend bill because he did not want sensational headlines.

No Hatcheries Now.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today voted to postpone action on this session on the omnibus fish hatchery bill. This measure provided for the establishment of 60 fish hatcheries at a cost of \$500,000.

Calls It "War Craze."

Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate devoted today's session to the agricultural appropriation bill. There was a renewal of the discussion of the policy of distributing the appropriation bills among a number of committees. Gorman and Spooner contended that the change resulted in a vast increase of the cost of conducting the government. Hale agreed that in recent years a great increase in appropriations had appeared, but he attributed it to what he characterized as the "war craze."

STORMBOUND.

Pork City Traffic Delayed by Snow and Ice-Clad Rails.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Plowing through snow drifts and creeping with halting gait along ice-covered rails, trains due in Chicago yesterday were many hours behind their schedule time. In some instances arriving ten or twelve hours late. Many trains due last night had not arrived early today.

Better conditions are promised today, as the weather forecast announces that the great snowstorm is over. The total fall since Saturday last has been nearly 12 inches.

Senators Arrested.

Sacramento, Feb. 9.—As a result of the bribery scandal in the state legislature, Senators Bunker and French were arrested tonight on warrants issued by the grand jury. The sheriff is searching for Senators Wright and Emmons who were also indicted.

NIGHT TRAINS.

Panama Railroad Will Try to Dodge Revolutions.

New York, Feb. 9.—At a meeting here the directors of the Panama railroad have decided to run trains over

the line at night as well as day. Heretofore they have been run only in the daytime because there were so many so-called revolutions that it was considered unsafe to let a train proceed after it had become too dark to distinguish objects ahead.

The directors also ordered some new equipment for both freight and passenger departments.

FOR A DIVORCE.

French Ministry Separates the Church and State.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The Rouvier ministry today presented in the chamber of deputies the draft of a new bill for separation of church and state. The measure was anxiously awaited, owing to a doubt raised by friends of former Premier Combs, concerning the sincerity of the new ministry in carrying forward the policy of separation. The text of the new measure makes the separation definite and conclusive, but omits a number of details in the Combs bill which aroused antagonism.

Dynamite Plant Wrecked.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 9.—A terrific explosion of the dynamite plant of the Dupont Powder Company at Boyles Gap, five miles north of this city, tonight wrecked the plant and broke windows and extinguished all lights within a radius of two miles, but as far as learned no one was killed. The shock was distinctly felt for 25 miles.

Arizona Satisfied.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 9.—The legislature today passed a concurrent resolution thanking the United States senate for eliminating Arizona from the statehood bill, and asking the house to concur in the amendment affecting this territory.

MUST PAY PENALTY

"Kid" Gouchy to Be Tried for a Murder.

IS THE SON OF A SENATOR

Served in Many Prisons and Was Pardoned in Minnesota to Be Returned for Trial for California Murder.

Portland, Feb. 9.—Detective Taylor of San Francisco passed through Portland last night with "Kid" Gouchy a notorious criminal and son of Senator Gouchy of California. Gouchy was one of the members of the gang of desperadoes which killed Policeman Robinson of San Francisco, about three years ago. All the members of this gang excepting one have been caught. "St. Louis Fat" was caught in Canada, C. Woods was arrested in Portland by Deputy Sheriff Corjano and Detective Kerrigan and Snow. He is now under sentence of death in California. "Kid" Gouchy made good his escape at the time and was not heard from until it was learned that he was serving a sentence for larceny in the penitentiary of Minnesota. Upon application of the San Francisco authorities the governor of Minnesota pardoned him that he might be taken back and tried for the murder of the policeman.

Gouchy was arrested in Portland a short time prior to the murder in San Francisco by Deputy Sheriff Corjano and convicted of petty larceny, but escaped. He was later arrested in Salem, and served a term there in the county jail. He then went to San Francisco, joined this gang and in an attempted burglary had a fight with Detective Taylor and Policeman Robinson, the latter being killed.

For Great Memorial.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Honora Sharp, widow of the late George P. Sharp, and the divorced wife of ex-Judge W. L. Pierce, who died here today, has left \$300,000 for the erection of an immense gateway to the Panhandle at the Golden Gate park as a memorial to her first husband. In addition she leaves the sum of \$75,000 to local charities, including \$25,000 to the Salvation Army. Her estate is valued at \$300,000.

MANY KILLED

Rioting Breaks Out Again in Russia.

IRONWORKERS FIGHT

Employes of Several St. Petersburg Factories Again on a Strike.

BATTALIONS GUARD WORKS

Conditions Seem to Be Returning to the Critical Stage and Employers and Government Officials Are Perturbed Over Outlook.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Press dispatches from Sosnovice describe the bloody character of a conflict between the military and the strikers at Katherineen iron works. One correspondent telegraphs that 15 persons were killed and 35 wounded, while another gives the number killed at 50.

The military fired eight volleys. Another collision occurred at the Nifka mine, where, it is rumored, 150 persons were killed. A third collision occurred today in the forenoon near Milovic, but this affair was bloodless.

DEMANDING MONEY.

Employers Are Threatened at the points of Revolvers.

Loz, Feb. 9.—At Coats thread mills and other establishments the strikers today were paid three days wages as an advance, although, it is claimed, nothing is legally due them.

The managers of Heintzel's mills refused to pay anything and the workmen threatened to wreck the place. The military prepared to fire and for a moment the situation was extremely grave but the management finally yielded and agreed to pay provided the men promised to return to work Monday. Another manager refused payment of the strikers, but at the point of a revolver he was compelled to promise payment tomorrow.

The employers are paying only as a method of expediency. The manufacturers were in conference all day and had frequent conferences with the governor general.

STRIKE RENEWED.

Men in the Capital Are Again Leaving Their Shops.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Men in two more factories, one of which is a small concern, ceased work today, and more employes of the Putiloff iron works joined the strikers. The renewal of the strike has not yet gained a threatening form, and the general mass of workmen, though somewhat restive, is not showing a troublesome disposition. Two battalions of troops are stationed at the Putiloff works, but there is not the slightest disorder.

Attack Electric Plant.

Sosnovice, Feb. 9.—The strikers today attacked workers in the electric station, and troops fired from the windows of the plant wounding many people. The situation is much disturbed, but the military is sufficient to awe the rioters. Eight battalions of infantry, eight squadrons of cavalry and one regiment of Cossacks are now in the town.

UNFRUITFUL TRIP.

Democratic Embassy to Salem Falls Down Hard.

A small bunch of the grooms of the democratic jack-ass faded away to Salem Wednesday night to influence legislation by putting a pin on the

track in front of the republican locomotive. According to advices that floated into the city yesterday the pin will be nicely masked and will make a neat souvenir for Ed Hallock and the police force when they retire on their laurels, or go longshoring. Most of them, however, are in good health and won't have to join a physical culture class to get up strength enough to go to work.

The democratic idea that seethed and festered around in "Tone's" thought corral was to hit the trail to the capital get a strangle hold on the governor's ear, hypnotize him, and get him to commit political suicide by threatening to hold up all the republican measures pending by veto if they would not allow him to make the arrangements for the obsequies of the Tuttle charter bill. This scheme was hardly good enough to have been the offspring of human intelligence, but it is a very fair sample of what instinct will do. All this was arranged for, though, and the republicans, in caucus, had decided to inform the governor that, as fog days are rapidly approaching, it was deemed the part of prudence to muzzle him, wherefore if he, the gov., vetoed the Tuttle charter bill the republicans would proceed to pass every pending measure, veto or no veto.

It seems, therefore, that the devoted little band of citi-demo-mulgans will be set back the amount of their railroad fare and what liquid nourishment it takes to drown their sorrow on the trip.

Messrs. Surprenant, Linenweber and Smith were of the party that went up to come back from Salem, and on their return arrangements have been made to half-mast the lace curtains on the waterfront and drape the front of the building occupied by the Evening Error with mourning.

The Tuttle charter bill will go through early next week.

BERLIN DISTURBED

Socialists Bitterly Denounce Russian Government.

21 MONSTER MEETINGS HELD

Maxim Gorky is in Good Health, But is Allowed to Talk to None But Relatives and Counsel—Soon to Be Tried.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Socialists held 21 monster meetings in Berlin and suburbs tonight to express "flaming indignation at the butcheries and massacres which the Russian government performed on the defenseless men, women and children of St. Petersburg." Sharply worded resolutions passed.

The meetings were addressed by Herr Bebel and other leading socialist members of the reichstag.

GORKY IS WELL.

Nature of Charges Against Him is Kept Secret.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The Associated Press was able this afternoon to see Maxim Gorky and can assure the author's friends that he is well and cheerful. The procurator of the court of appeals refused the Associated Press permission to converse with the prisoner, as it is contrary to law to allow anyone except relatives and counsel to visit political prisoners.

Absolute secrecy is maintained regarding the exact nature of the charges against Gorky, but it is believed, it is alleged, he attempted to induce the troops to mutiny, and to stir up revolt among the workmen. It is not yet decided whether he will be tried by a military or civil court, but it is practically certain the charges do not involve the death penalty.

Other Land Frauds.

Washington, Feb. 9.—As soon as the land frauds are cleared up in Oregon it is expected the government will devote attention to cases growing out of alleged frauds in Washington, Montana and Wyoming. The present expectation is that these will be looked into with the same vigorous policy as has marked the proceedings in recent months.